



FEMA

February 6, 2008

Ms. Vola Lawson
City Manager
City Hall 301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Ms. Lawson:

This is in regard to the **Right Bank of Four Mile Run Levee** shown on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and in the effective Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for the **City of Alexandria, Virginia**. As you may know, the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is in the process of producing a countywide FIS report and Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) for the **City of Alexandria, Virginia**. This effort is being undertaken as part of FEMA's Flood Map Modernization program. We anticipate having a preliminary map and study for your review by September 2008.

As part of FEMA's effort to produce the DFIRM, it was determined that the flood hazard information presented on the effective FIRM and in the FIS report is based, in some areas, on flood protection provided by the **Right Bank of Four Mile Run Levee**. Based on the information available and on the mapping standards of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) at the time that the FIS was performed, FEMA accredited the levee with providing protection from the flood that has a 1-percent-chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. This 1-percent-annual-chance flood also is referred to as the base flood.

Based on coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), it has been determined that **Right Bank of Four Mile Run Levee** no longer provides protection from the base flood. In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Section 65.10, FEMA will initiate a map revision to redesignate formerly protected areas as floodprone. Therefore, the mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements of the NFIP will apply to these areas when the revised FIRM becomes effective.

If you have additional questions regarding this letter, please contact **Robert Pierson, Civil Engineer** of my staff, either by telephone at **(215) 931-5650** or by facsimile at **(215) 931-5501**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Gruber", written over a white background.

Eugene K. Gruber, P.E.
Director, Mitigation Division
FEMA Region 3

Enclosures

Requirements of 44CFR Section 65.10
Community Levee Certification Checklist
Effective FIRM Panel

cc: Emily A. Baker, City Engineer, City of Alexandria (w/enclosures)
William G. Browning, State NFIP Coordinator (w/enclosures)
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Senator Warner's State Office (w/o enclosures)
Senator Webb's State Office (w/o enclosures)
Representative Moran's State Office (w/o enclosures)